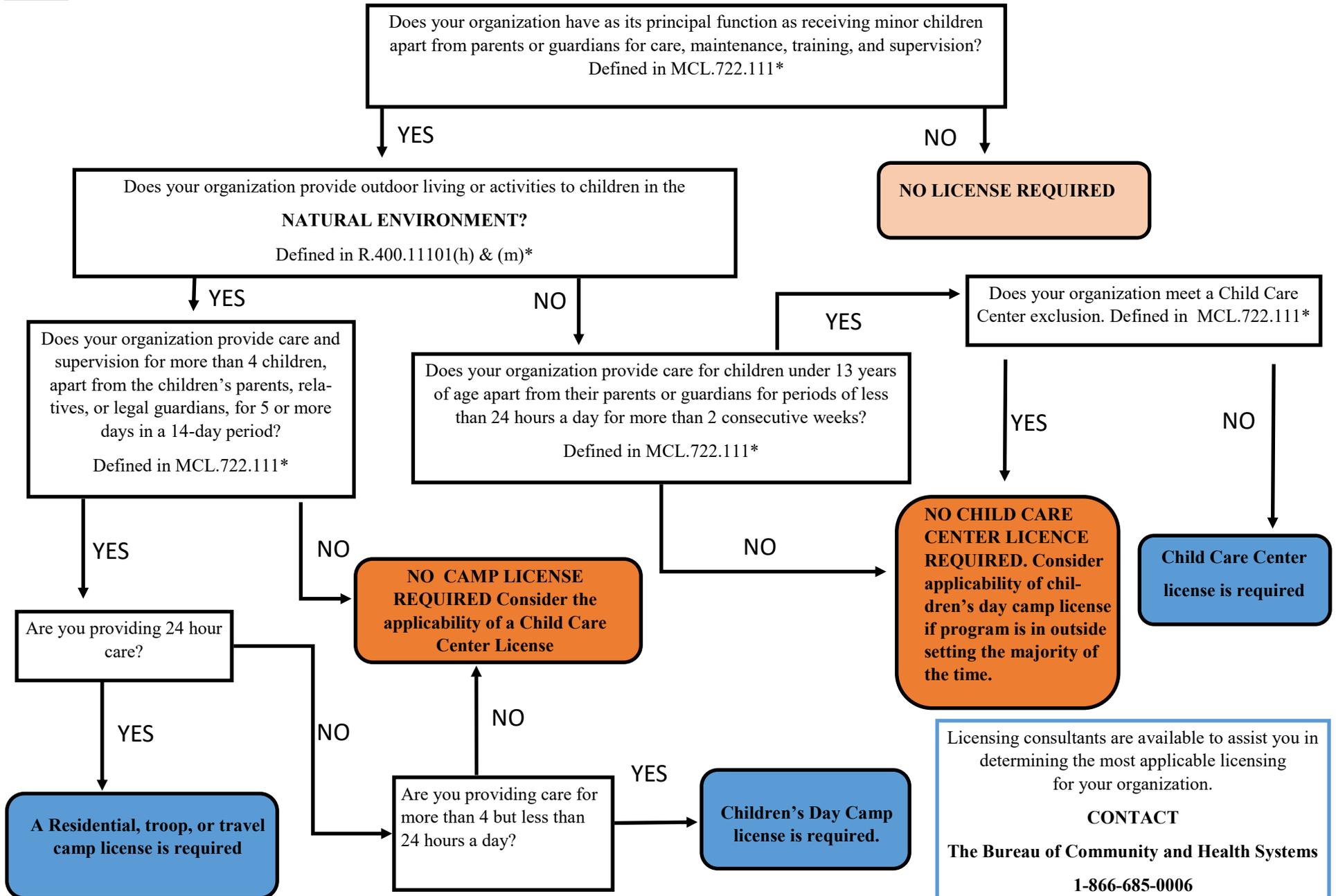


What Type of Child Care Organization License Do I Need?



Licensing consultants are available to assist you in determining the most applicable licensing for your organization.

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LICENSING STATUTE AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MCL.722.111 DEFINITIONS

(b) "**Child care organization**" means a governmental or nongovernmental organization having as its principal function receiving minor children for care, maintenance, training, and supervision, notwithstanding that educational instruction may be given. Child care organization includes organizations commonly described as child caring institutions, child placing agencies, children's camps, children's campsites, children's therapeutic group homes, child care centers, day care centers, nursery schools, parent cooperative preschools, foster homes, group homes, or child care homes. Child care organization does not include a governmental or nongovernmental organization that does either of the following: (i) Provides care exclusively to minors who have been emancipated by court order under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4. (ii) Provides care exclusively to persons who are 18 years of age or older and to minors who have been emancipated by court order under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4, at the same location.

(e) "**Children's camp**" means a residential, day, troop, or travel camp that provides care and supervision and is conducted in a natural environment for more than 4 children, apart from the children's parents, relatives, or legal guardians, for 5 or more days in a 14-day period.

(f) "**Children's campsite**" means the outdoor setting where a children's residential or day camp is located.

(h) "**Child care center**" means a facility, other than a private residence, receiving 1 or more children under 13 years of age for care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, where the parents or guardians are not immediately available to the child. Child care center includes a facility that provides care for not less than 2 consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. The facility is generally described as a child care center, day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative preschool, play group, before- or after-school program, or drop-in center. Child care center does not include any of the following: (i) A Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization where children are attending for not more than 3 hours per day for an indefinite period or for not more than 8 hours per day for a period not to exceed 4 weeks during a 12-month period. (ii) A facility operated by a religious organization where children are in the religious organization's care for not more than 3 hours while persons responsible for the children are attending religious services. (iii) A program that is primarily supervised, school-age-child-focused training in a specific subject, including, but not limited to, dancing, drama, music, or religion. This exclusion applies only to the time a child is involved in supervised, school-age-child-focused training. (iv) A program that is primarily an incident of group athletic or social activities for school-age children sponsored by or under the supervision of an organized club or hobby group, including, but not limited to, youth clubs, scouting, and school-age recreational or supplementary education programs. This exclusion applies only to the time the school-age child is engaged in the group athletic or social activities and if the school-age child can come and go at will. (v) A program that primarily provides therapeutic services to a child.

A CHILD CARE CENTER License can be used for program components that include out-of-door activities such as field trips to pools, lakes, and parks.

A CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP PROGRAM license is applicable year round if the PROGRAM operates in the natural environment a majority of the time at a licensed campsite.

CAMP ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

R.400.11101

(m) "**Natural environment**" means an out-of-doors setting where a camp program is **run at least 51% of the time**.

(h) "**Campsite**" means an outdoor setting that has natural or man-made features available for outdoor living or activities and is located where a camp is operated.

WE INTERPRETE THIS TO MEAN:

A day camp PROGRAM can only operate at a CAMPSITE that is in the "NATURAL ENVIRONMENT". Program Features that are typically found at a CAMPSITE include hiking trails, open waterfront or pool, acreage, campfire circles, high adventure activities, wooded areas, pavilions, health facilities, and other organized camping features. Campers participate in a variety of activities that develop an appreciation for the out-of-doors, enhance personal and interpersonal skills. A day camp PROGRAM is different from a child care center in that campers are provided opportunities for outdoor living or activities in the natural environment for more than 51% of the time in care. Summer programs that offer field trips to the out-of-doors but do not have a CAMPSITE are not considered a children's DAY camp PROGRAM. A Child Care Center license would need to be considered.

CHILD CARE CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

R 400.8101 Definitions

(j) "**Child care center**" means that term as defined in section 1(h) of the act, MCL 722.111.

(z) "**Field trip**" means children and personnel leaving the child care center premises for an excursion, trip, or program activity.

R 400.8102 Definitions

(k) "**Program components**" means the different services offered by a center. They include, but are not limited to, infant and toddler, pre-school, and school-age care and education; nighttime care; food service; swimming; and transportation.